forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations, strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing capabilities, augmentation and modernization of Central and' State police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with the Central and State police forces, strengthening of the investigative and prosecution machinery etc. Steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with global imperatives of terrorism.

Deplorable condition of air sub-stations in North East

*145. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that all the sub-stations of All India Radio in North Eastern region are working in deplorable condition due to inadequate technical staff, infrastructure, equipments and poor management;

(b) if so, whether Government have any policy to upgrade or improve all such sub-stations; and

(c) whether any new sub-stations are going to be set up in the region soon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. All the Stations in North Eastern Region are working satisfactorily. There are no sub-stations in existence.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. For strengthening the radio coverage in North East, following Plans have been implemented:

(i) As part of North East Plan Phase-I, a 10 kW FM transmitter at Itanagar and another transmitter (1 kW) at Kohima have been set up.

(ii) As part of North East Special Plan Phase-II, following transmitters have been approved:

- 1 kW FM transmitter at 19 new places.
- 5 kW FM transmitter at Silchar.
- 10 kW FM transmitter at Gangtok.
- Replacement of 1000 kW MW transmitter at Chinsurah (W.B.) by same power transmitter.
- 100 nos. of 100 Watt FM transmitters for uncovered areas.

(iii) Besides, FM transmitters at Aizawl and Churachandpur are technically ready.

(iv) No sub-stations are set up by AIR.